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CITY.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

Greats furnishing goods for sale at Livingston's.

For Christmas buy your wife a fine black silk dress at our store. MAY BROS.

Deaf ears are unstopped by Durno's Snuff. Follow the crowd and you will find it.

To dress artificial hair Burnett's Cocoa-nut excels promotes a luxuriant growth of natural hair, and kills dandruff.

FRESH MEAT.—J. S. Gilmore has commenced packing and can now furnish squabs, turkeys, pigeons, etc., in any quantity.

E. Zeis, the clothier, has a large assortment of goods for merchant tailors, also of ready-made clothing. His New York cutter is an artist in his line, and gives universal satisfaction.

The Weather.—To-day.

The following shows the temperature today, as indicated by thermometer, in the shade on the north side of the city.

At Columbus Junction, with D. C. & M. R. R. for Cedar Rapids, Cedar, Paoli, north, and Burlington and Keokuk, south.

At Fairfield, with D. C. & M. R. R. for Keokuk, Ottumwa, Oskaloosa, Edgemoor, Grinnell and Des Moines.

At Belknap, with North Missouri R. R. for Carleton, with R. & S. J. & Co. for Rock Island, Rock Island and St. Louis R. R. for St. Louis.

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A SAVED THIEF'S SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY.

For several years this region has been infested by a regularly organized band of robbers. Their operations have been principally carried on in Iowa, in the counties bordering on the Mississippi, and Illinois has been used as a rendezvous.

For the reason that this locality has been made a depot of deposit for stolen articles, the members of the gang, when in this vicinity, are usually very quiet. Many of the gang have been up for petty larceny, but evidence strong enough to convict could never be adduced against any of them.

Yesterday (5th) Marshal Mitch, and his boy, assisted by Chief Keating from the river, succeeded in arresting three of the gang. The circumstances attending the case are as follows: Last Sunday morning the store of G. T. Coffey, at Moscow, Iowa, about thirty-five miles west of this city, was burglarized of about \$300 worth of goods. Monday evening the police of this city were notified of the affair, and a description of suspected parties given them. Wednesday afternoon a telegram was received from Mr. Coffey stating that the three suspected men had left Wolcott. On the Milan road, about three miles from this city, there is an old house which has been suspected to be a rendezvous for thieves for some time. The family residing there consisted of James London and his mother, George Williams and William Brown, the latter a brother-in-law of London. Yesterday forenoon (the 5th) Marshal Mitch and his boys made a raid on the house. They found London on a bed and Williams in a chair reading.

As Mitch went in one of them laughed and the other inquired what was wanted. In the meantime the quick eye of the Marshal had discovered a pair of gloves and several other articles lying about the room, answering the description given of some of the stolen goods. The two men were immediately arrested and the house thoroughly searched. The female accomplices made a great run, the old man in particular being almost crazed with rage. There is little doubt that the old woman herself is deserving of the old man's punishment. For years she has been known to keep a respectable character in her house, and she is believed to be guilty of being accessory to many crimes. The men were taken over the river and lodged in jail.

This was considered a very good day's work by the officers, but it remained for our wily "Boss" to cap the climax by the arrest of the ring leader. His name is William Brown, and no unpracticed eye would imagine that he was the desperate character he is said to be. Tall, well-formed, with good-looking features, and well-dressed, the ordinary observer would mistake him for a gentleman. He was arrested about four o'clock in the afternoon by Marshal Mitch, while driving a team attached to a heavy wagon along Illinois street. By a little subterfuge the Marshal persuaded him to cross the river and settle the matter up. As soon as he reached the other side he was arrested by the Iowa officers and lodged in jail.

Mr. Coffey was shown the goods found from them, last evening, and identified most of them as having been in his store. A meerschaum pipe found in the house has been identified as one which was stolen from Gen. A. H. Sanders' residence in September.

The prisoners were taken to Wilton this morning for examination.

Hats and Caps for sale at Livingston's.

A WHINE FROM MR. HAWLEY'S ORGAN.

Mr. Hawley's organ, published in this city, complains that THE ARGUS uses "innumerable against Mr. Hawley." It is, at least, something gained when we see Mr. Hawley's organ begging and putting on an appearance of decency. Its course during the campaign was simply infamous—and Mr. Hawley must have been responsible for it. No intelligent man ever supposed he was in any danger of defeat in a district which gave 7,000 Republican majority at the last presidential election. Certainly Mr. Hawley could have had no doubt of his election by a large majority, no matter who might be the candidate, or what the issue. Under these circumstances it would have been, to say the least, credit to Mr. Hawley to have ordered a halt in the vile personalities which characterized his campaign. He could have afforded to be magnanimous, generous, tolerant towards those who differed with him. He would have gained many friends by such a course, and lost none. He would have disarmed harshness and compelled a campaign full of the amenities and courtesies of life. He could have controlled the matter entirely, for no newspaper or orator in the district, of his party, would have taken a course in the campaign contrary to his known wishes. But how was it carried on? From beginning to end it was characterized by the lowest, meanest and most unprovoked personal assaults upon such men as Dr. Truesdale, Maj. Mayo, S. W. Wheeler, Wm. Kerns, Gen. Sickles, Geo. W. Vinton, John A. Boyer, R. B. Joslin, Wm. S. Thomas, and others, who were identified with the Liberal movement. There was neither necessity nor excuse for this course, and Mr. Hawley is responsible for it. These gentlemen were as free to exercise their convictions in the campaign as Mr. Hawley. Their motives were as pure and disinterested as his. Their course was as free from any suspicion of impropriety as his. And it will be a long time before those gentlemen, or their many friends, will forget the reprehensible and unjustifiable line given to the campaign by Mr. Hawley. That his organ has been brought to white and beg for an armistice is certainly something gained in the cause of political decency. When Mr. Hawley's organ shall have done justice to the honorable character and motives of the Republicans in this county who supported the Liberal cause, and retracted its calumnies of them, it will be time for Mr. Hawley to ask a suspension of criticism of his own acts.

If you are looking for Christmas presents do not forget to look at the fine vases, toilet sets and Lava goods we offer.

MAY BROS.

SAINT CLARA ACADEMY.—Many of our people remember the good Father Walker, formerly connected with the Sinsinawa Mound College, and from him learned something of the beauty of that locality. Others of our citizens have been there and can testify to the attractions of its school, an advertisement of which will be found in this paper.

PERSONAL.—Among the arrivals at the Harper House are Virginia C. Orr, Miss Mary E. Hughes, Normal, Ill., C. M. Gregory, St. Louis, Capt. I. W. Stewart, Steamer Alex. Mitchell, W. B. Pennell, V. Langfield, Chicago, and Duprez & Benedict, ministers.

DIED.—At 8 o'clock today, at her residence, Mrs. Rebecca Byrle, wife of J. G. Byrle, aged 61.

ILLINOIS MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Its Collections.

The officers of the state museum of natural history take this method of drawing attention to the collections under their care. These have now been thoroughly arranged and organized with special reference to the convenience of students, and large additions have been made to the library, both of general scientific works and those containing descriptions of species. Botany and zoology, are represented by full and valuable cabinets, and measures have been taken to enlarge the already respectable collections in entomology and geology. The chemical laboratory connected with the Normal university will soon be refitted and supplied with apparatus, and will be opened to all who wish to make a special study of chemistry and the allied branches.

Named sole